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**CANDIDATES' NIGHT . . .** Officials of the Palo Del Amo Homeowners Association discuss plans for their first "Meet Your Candidate" night to be held Monday at Hickory School, 2800 W. 227th St. Pictured are (from left) Ed Brandt, president; Rod Monson, vice president; and Mrs. Robert Brosius, publicity chairman. Candidates in the 46th Assembly District, the 25th State Senate District, and the 17th Congressional District will speak. Representatives of the Torrance League of Women Voters will discuss ballot measures to be included at the Nov. 5 general election. (Press-Herald Photo)

## 'Red' Freeway Sought By Torrance Officials

### City Will Face Traffic Crisis, Engineer Says

By NATALIE HALL  
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A team of Torrance city officials vigorously defended the "red-dash-red route" of the proposed Torrance Freeway at Thursday's formal hearing before the State Division of Highways, pointing out that Torrance will face a traffic crisis in a few years without freeway relief.

Charles Shartle also defended the "red-dash-red" route, stating that it would provide the best access to the city's high-density residential areas, industrial areas, shopping centers, central manufacturing areas, and the proposed Meadow Park industrial complex. He also noted that the route would minimize the incompatibility with residential areas.

The Torrance team not only defended the red route, but urged the six-man Highway Division board to adopt the route and proceed with construction at the earliest possible convenience.

The freeway would cause some loss in tax base, Shartle admitted, but stated that additional exposure of areas adjacent to the freeway would "offset the tax loss to the city."

The Torrance presentation was followed by an equally eloquent plea from Mayor Jim Cole of Lomita, who insisted that any freeway through his city would "effectively destroy" the community as a single entity. The tiny municipality would be forced to disincorporate, he said.

City Engineer Walter M. Nollac exclaimed, "We need this freeway. But it will be too late, because we'll have the traffic in five years!"

**DEFENDING** the Torrance official point of view, endorsed by the City Council by a 4-2 vote, Traffic Engineer Arthur Horkay said that it is not feasible to widen local streets to accommodate an increase in traffic.

"YOU CAN'T ignore a problem that will just not go away," he concluded, noting some officials may seek "political popularity" by taking a stand against the freeway.

Among the outstanding architectural features of the hospital is the lobby entrance which is surrounded on three sides by floor-to-ceiling glass walls and an exterior garden that continues into the lobby area. Rows of windows and spandrel panels are separated by vertical mullions to create a certain wall effect.

City Manager Edward J. Ferraro noted that the red-dash-red route affected the fewest living units and would greatly relieve traffic on Torrance streets. However, Ferraro clarified the city's stand by noting that City Councilmen had proposed a minor modification in the original red route. The modification, called the "red dash red route," takes a slight jog south of Sepulveda Boulevard to avoid all homes in the Torrance Heights area and course through the Riviera Hospital, which will be ripped down soon anyway.

In the few short years the hospital has been in operation, approximately 84,520 patients have been treated. The Emergency Room treats (See HOSPITAL, Page A-3)

FERRARO also stated he only supports the red-dash-red route as a "recessed freeway," because "elevated freeways on earth fills are (See FREEWAY, Page A-3)



**HEARING TESTIMONY . . .** Some 600 persons gathered at Torrance High School Auditorium Thursday for the formal state hearing on the proposed Torrance Freeway. City officials from various communities, including Torrance, gave testimony on the proposed routes, most of them expressing preference for the red route or a modification of the red route. Only Lomita's mayor Jim Cole spoke against all of the proposed routes, commenting that any freeway through Lomita would "effectively destroy" his city. The Division of Highways will now review the testimony and make its report to the Highway Commission, which will select the route early next year. (Press-Herald Photo)

## Little Company of Mary Hospital Will Mark Ninth Anniversary

By C. BLAINE SHULL  
 President, Advisory Committee,  
 Little Company of Mary Hospital

The Little Company of Mary Hospital is celebrating its ninth annual Founders' Day with a gala dinner-dance at Airport-Marina Hotel next Saturday. Here is its' story:

On Dec. 12, 1959, when the Little Company of Mary Hospital was dedicated in fitting ceremonies.

In the words of His Eminence James Francis Cardinal McIntyre, Archbishop of Los Angeles, it marks the realization of what has been a dream come true. In the accomplishment we can recognize divine inspiration and supernatural help. "We are confident that this house of mercy will be the medium of many blessings and graces to both patients and those who serve in this apostolate."

ALREADY the five-story reinforced concrete structure with its 180-bed capacity has become an architectural landmark in the Torrance area, as it stands on its 10-acre site, a monument to the needs of ailing mankind.

The hospital was built to satisfy a long felt need in this growing area. To satisfy that expected need the facility was so designed to make possible the addition of three stories with a total capacity of 300 beds.

The location of the hospital has marked a milestone in California history. It has been revealed that the purchase of the 10-acre tract on which the hospital was built marked the first time in 172 years that the ground has been out of the hands of its Spanish grant owner, Juan Jose Dominguez and his heirs. Title to this tract passed to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles in July, 1956.

THE FIRST grants of ranches, dating back to 1783, were little more than cattle grazing permits. This land granting policy of Spain was launched in 1769 when King Charles III adopted it as a plan to establish occupation. The program called for the establishment of presidios, missions, and pueblos.

In 1956, the need for a hospital in the area had become vital with the growth

of the entire community. The original plans in 1956 called for an investment of \$2½ million and a design to provide for expansion to a 250-bed capacity.

Horkay pointed out that it would cost the city \$50 million to widen local streets enough to handle the huge volume of traffic expected in the next few years—and the money would have to come from local taxpayers. Furthermore, some 600 homes would have to come out. Horkay said.

The traffic engineer also noted that cars produce 2 to 5 times as much smog on city streets as they do on freeways, where they run more efficiently.

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**JUNIOR OLYMPICS . . .** Mayor Albert Isen (center) presents awards to Chuck Eischen (left) and John H. Stratton for their roles in the Junior Olympic Finals, held recently at South Lake Tahoe. Stratton, a Torrance youth, went on to become national champion in weightlifting. Eischen is area governor of the Area 20 Exchange Clubs of Southern California, who sponsored Stratton and the 12 other area youths who competed in the sporting event. Isen also presented each of the 12 young athletes with award plaques on behalf of the City Council. (Press-Herald Photo)

### In Jail or Not?

## Two People, One Name Add Up to Big Puzzle

Will the real Paul George Delia please stand up?

And Paul George Delia would be a fitting guest for the "I've Got a Secret" program if he could figure out just what his secret it.

Paul George Delia is working today. And Paul George Delia is in the county jail.

THE CONFUSION began Monday about 10:45 p.m. when state narcotics officers and Hermosa Beach police raided a home in the Clifton Heights area between Torrance and Redondo Beach.

Seven suspects were taken into custody Monday—three on suspicion of possession of heroin and four on a

misdeemeanor charge of visiting a place where narcotics were being used.

One of the four persons arrested on the misdemeanor charge was booked by Hermosa Beach police as Paul George Delia, 26, of 4202 Torrance Blvd. He was then sent to the county jail.

HERMOSA BEACH police said the man identified as Delia had no identification on his person at the time of his arrest, which was made at 728 Avenue C.

But Paul George Delia, 25, of 4202 Torrance Blvd., is not in jail. In fact, he denies ever having been in jail.

And what's more, he's at work today at Aircraft

Hydroforming, Inc., in Gardena.

Delia, just released from the Army about a month ago, has been at work all week — and he's the most puzzled of anyone involved in the present confusion.

SHERIFF'S officials say they are satisfied that the man they have in custody "is who he says he is."

Fingerprint checks with the Federal Bureau of Investigation failed to turn up any evidence the man in custody is someone else, sheriff's officials told the Press-Herald.

But Paul George Delia, 25, of 4202 Torrance Blvd., denies he is in jail. And what's more, he says he can prove work today at Aircraft

### Reading Program Approved

The Torrance school budget will be trimmed by \$250,000 to continue the Miller-Unruh reading program previously jeopardized by withdrawal of state funds.

The Board of Education voted unanimously Monday night to pay the cost of the special instructional program. Cuts will be made in other areas of the budget to finance the program.

Prior to the withdrawal of state money in September, the district hired 26 teachers to increase the number of reading specialists to 31.

The Miller-Unruh Assembly bill was vetoed by Governor Ronald Reagan, it was pointed out by board member Burton Belzer at the meeting.

### Electrical Tools Taken ---

Electrical tools valued at nearly \$1,800 were taken from a North Torrance carport sometime Thursday, Torrance police reported. Charles N. Richtner, 40, of 4115 W. 182nd St., Apt. 12, told police the tools were locked in a cabinet in the carport area. Police said someone pruned open the lock and took the tools during the daylight hours Thursday.

### Two Hurt in Crash ---

A Torrance woman and her 4-year-old son were injured about 9 a.m. Thursday morning when they were involved in an automobile accident at Anza Avenue and Torrance Boulevard. Mrs. Madalene T. Ryan, 35, of 4109 Lenore St. and her son, Theodore, were taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital for treatment of lacerations and bruises. Police said Mrs. Ryan's station wagon and a car driven by H. Harold Lippard, 42, of 20720 Annrita St., collided in the intersection. Lippard was not hurt. Both drivers told police they had entered the intersection on a green signal.

### Council Cancels Session ---

Tuesday's regularly scheduled meeting of the Torrance City Council has been cancelled. A majority of the councilmen will be attending the annual convention of the League of California Cities. The next regular meeting is set for Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m.